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₱500 power subsidy goes to provinces

By Jocelyn R. Uy

SOME TWO MILLION SMALL ELECTRICity consumers in the rural areas will also be covered by the ₱500 subsidy program that the government is implementing in Metro Manila.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) yesterday announced that it had tapped the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to assist in identifying the small consumers [illegible]

₱500 POWER A[illegible]

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Nothing unlucky about Friday the 13th

AMSTERDAM, June 12 —Unlucky for some? Dutch statisticians have established that Friday 13th, a date regarded in many countries as inauspicious, is actually safer than an average Friday.





OUT OF SULU Angelo Valderama, ABS-CBN cameraman, is about to board an Air Force plane at the Jolo airport for Zamboanga City on Friday. Upon his release on Thursday night, Valderama stayed in the home of Indanan Mayor Alvarez Isnaji.

'We asked for Ces, got Angelo instead'

Negotiators tell of efforts to free ABS-CBN team

By Julie Alipala and Ed General
Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE NEgotiators were asking for broadcast journalist Ces Drilon, and got her cameraman, Angelo Valderama.

Valderama was released Thursday night by a still unknown group of gunmen to members of the Indanan police in a forested area of Sitio [illegible] in Barangay [illegible], Talipao, Sulu. He was among the four people—an ABS-CBN team of three and a professor of the Mindanao State University—abducted in Maimbung, Sulu, on Sunday.

"Our objective is to secure Ces and the whole team," Indanan Mayor Alvarez Isnaji, one of the negotiators, yesterday told the Inquirer on the phone. "[The abductors] are the ones making the decisions, not us, and it was they who released Valderama."

Drilon, her other cameraman, Jimmy Encarnacion, and Prof. Octavio Dinampo, a peace advocate, are still being held by their captors.

WE ASKED A17



PRESIDENT Arroyo and her husband Mike Arroyo welcome US Ambassador Kristie Kenney at the reception line for the vin d'honneur to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence on Thursday night. [illegible]

2 kidnapped Marines freed by Moro rebels

By Jeoffrey Maitem
Inquirer Mindanao
and Nikko Dizon
in Manila

COTABATO CITY—THE TWO MARINE soldiers kidnapped by Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels in Basilan early this week have been freed.

"Corporals [illegible] and [illegible] were released unharmed after a successful negotiation on Thursday night," MILF civil-military affairs chief [illegible] yesterday told the Inquirer on the phone.

Lt. Col. Leonard Vincent Teodoro, commander of the Marine Battalion Landing Team (MBLT) 7 in Barangay [illegible] in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan, said the soldiers were released at around 12:10 a.m. yesterday.

The negotiation was conducted with a sister of one of the MILF rebels' commanders, Teodoro said in a phone patch interview with reporters in Camp Aguinaldo.

"No ransom was paid nor concessions acceded to for the freedom of the two Marines," Lt. Col. Edgard Arevalo, spokesperson of the Philippine Navy, said in a statement.

According to the Western Mindanao [illegible]

2 KIDNAPPED A17

GMA takes up the cudgels for investors bullied by allies

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE JOINT FOREIGN CHAMBERS might be unwelcome in the Senate, but they were received with open arms by President Macapagal-Arroyo during the traditional Independence Day reception in Malacañang Thursday.

After receiving a humiliating tongue-lashing from Sens. Juan Ponce Enrile and Miriam Defensor-Santiago for trying to stop the amendment to the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) just a week ago, the foreign investors were treated differently this time around.

During the vin d'honneur hosted by the President for the diplomatic [illegible]

GMA TAKES A18

Jamby hales colleagues to high court

By Jerome Aning

SEN. MA. ANA CONSUELO "JAMBY" Madrigal yesterday asked the Supreme Court to declare as unconstitutional the present composition of the Commission on Appointments (CA), that would invalidate the recent confirmation of presidential appointees and would stop further confirmation hearings.

She said the recent confirmation of all presidential appointees by the CA should be reversed and all current and future confirmation hearings by the body should be stopped.

In a 23-page petition for prohibition and mandamus with requests for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, Madrigal said the present membership of the CA [illegible]

JAMBY A6

Cabinet 'rigodon' in the works despite Palace denial



EX-SEN. TITO SOTTO

By Michael Lim Ubac

DESPITE OFFICIAL DENIALS, A CABINET revamp is still in the works, apparently to accommodate the defeated senatorial candidates of the administration's Team Unity in the 2007 elections.

Vicente Sotto III, one of the losing candidates and a former Senate majority leader, admitted to reporters that President Macapagal-Arroyo asked him to join the Cabinet as early as last year.

"I am inclined to be in the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) if only to have the law [the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002] fully implemented," said Sotto, who spoke to reporters during the vin d'honneur to mark Independence Day in Malacañang last Thursday.

Sotto explained that he cannot serve as chief of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) as he authored the law that created the office.

If appointed as DDB chair, Sotto will replace [illegible] who holds the rank of secretary.

The DDB is an agency under the Office of the President responsible for formulating the policies and programs on drug prevention and control.

Speculations have risen about a possible Cabinet revamp as the official ban on the appointment of losing election candidates lapsed in May.

The President is barred from appointing defeated candidates to any official position within a year after an election, which in the case of Sotto and others like him [illegible]

CABINET A6

US Supreme Court junks rights victims' claim

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES Supreme Court on Thursday dealt a setback to Marcos rights abuse victims who are fighting the Philippine government for ownership of $35 million that the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos funneled out of the country in 1972.

In a 7 to 2 decision, the justices said the US judiciary had erred in allowing 9,539 victims of human rights violations during the Marcos dictatorship to file a lawsuit to recover the $35-million Merrill Lynch account that Marcos had set up in 1972.

The ruling overturned a decision in June 2006 by a federal judge in Hawaii that the human rights victims were entitled to the Merrill Lynch account. The judge, the same one who had awarded the victims a $2-billion judgment in 1995 in a suit that they brought against the Marcos heirs, said part of the $2-billion award was to be taken from the $35-million account.

The Philippine government wants a Philippine court to rule on the matter before US courts decide the issue.

Justice Anthony Kennedy's majority opinion agreed to that approach, ordering the dismissal of the US case.

The fight stems from an account that Marcos had set up in 1972, with the Merrill Lynch brokerage firm. Marcos in 1972 transferred $2 million to Arelma S.A., a Panamanian shell corpora[illegible]

US SUPREME A18

Second FRONTPAGE

WEATHER FORECAST

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'Milestone in oil exploration, dev't'

World's largest gas producer to start Sulu Sea project next year

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THE LARGEST OIL AND GAS PRODUCER IN the world is set to start oil exploration in the Sulu Sea, according to officials, with positive results expected in the middle of next year.

[illegible]



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo shares a light moment with ExxonMobil Exploration Company Vice President Stephen Greenlee during a courtesy call at Malacañang Palace yesterday.

[illegible]

Congress may consider legalizing use of incinerators

[illegible]

Gov't set to flood local market with 8M bags of rice during lean months

[illegible]

New voters' list unlikely?

[illegible]

Mini-skirts, hip-hop shirts a no-no in schools

Hygiene, proper decorum

Contributions

Social unrest, instability due to rising prices feared

Seriously affected

Remedies

Public not fooled by Meralco's 'rate reduction'–GSIS

US hospital ship due in Manila

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Nograles: Key CARP scheme still in effect

By Norman Bordadora

SPEAKER PROSPERO NOGRALES said yesterday said the land acquisition and distribution component of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program remains in effect despite the Senate's failure to adopt a House joint resolution extending the scheme until Dec. 31 this year.

This developed as Nograles created a special committee that will craft and consolidate all amendments to the agrarian reform law "that shall be truly beneficial to our farmers."

The committee is composed of Deputy Speaker Pablo Garcia, Majority Leader Arthur Defensor, Representatives Edcel Lagman, Luis Villafuerte and Minority Leader Ronaldo Zamora. Nograles described them as the "best legal minds of the House."

Nograles said that even if Joint Resolution No. 21 wasn't adopted by the Senate before Congress adjourned its first regular session earlier this week, the House maintains its legal position that CARP and its LAD component won't end until the end of 2008.

The national budget for this year, Nograles said, has allocated funds for the program's redistribution and this should be spent appropriately as by the government.

The CARP under Republic Act 6657 expired on June 10. Congress failed to enact a law extending its effectivity despite President Arroyo's certification of the measure as urgent.

Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, one of the authors of the land reform bill in 1988 and of the CARP's five-year extension, was defending House Bill No. 4077 on the floor when the adjournment caught up with it. The Senate has yet to discuss the measure on the floor.

The so-called Nograles bloc has been blamed for questioning the quorum during the lengthy debates, deliberations that saw many House members leaving the floor. The House can't conduct its business without a quorum or the required number of members present.

The continued implementation of the LAD is expected to be questioned as the remaining one million hectares of "CARPable" lands are considered the most contentious in recent years among land owners and tenant-farmers.

The progressive bloc has also been blamed for the non-passage of the CARP extension because of its advocacy for its own version of land reform—the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill.

Nograles said that the House wasn't abandoning the fight to give CARP the five-year extension, adding one option being considered is "to come up with an entirely new and improved agrarian reform legislation."

Osmonds in town, vow a night of 'hearing a lot of hit songs'



LAST performance as a group. This is how The Osmonds has described their 50th Anniversary Reunion World Tour this year. The group, composed of brothers Alan, Wayne, Merrill, Jay and Donny, and sister Marie, performs tonight at the PICC.

Taking a shower? Rip PVC curtains first, says study

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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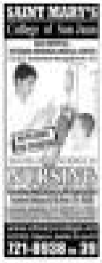
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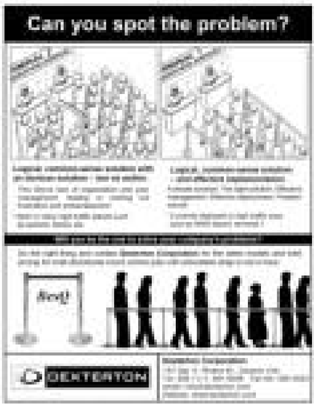
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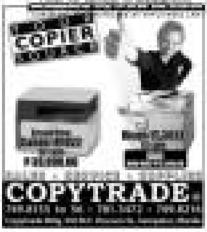
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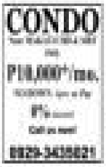
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A FREE MAN Angelo Valderrama (right) at the Jolo airport walks toward the aircraft he is to board for Zamboanga City

Military agent

Board and lodging

'Not a ransom'

Communications cut

Palace relieved

Professionalism



BUDDIES AT BASE Cameraman Angelo Valderrama (left) and Jimmy Encarnacion in between assignments

Families of kidnapped crew hail release of ABS-CBN cameraman

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Profound sadness

2 kidnapped Marines freed by Moro rebels

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INQUIRER Visayas

Classes open in school on contested lot

CLASSES resume as usual on Tuesday at the Jaro II Elementary School in Jaro District in Iloilo City, although the ownership of the half-hectare lot where it stands has yet to be resolved.



DepEd gives P368M for 700 classrooms in Eastern Visayas

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION has started addressing the classroom shortage in public schools in Eastern Visayas by allotting over P368 million for repair and construction of classrooms.

Climate of terror in Biliran

By Rolando O. Borrinaga
Naval, Biliran

THE COMMANDO-type assault on the father of Biliran Rep. Glenn A. Chong and his security escorts at around 7:30 in the evening of June 7 was the latest manifestation of a climate of terror being felt in this otherwise very peaceful province.

Charles "Charlie" Chong, 61, and his companions in a convoy of several vehicles were returning from a wedding reception and had just parked in front of his house on P. Inocentes Street in Naval town in Biliran when an old dark green Lancer with license plate no. NMK 996, escorted by two motorcycles, suddenly pulled from behind and disgorged four attackers who immediately opened fire with Ingram and Armalite rifles.

The attack resulted in the death of Chong's two security escorts, Alberto Batilla and Antonio Barrelo, and the wounding of a third, Jose Canas.

Finger-pointing

The assailants escaped on board Chong's Isuzu Highlander, which they grabbed from its driver. The getaway vehicle was found the next morning, abandoned on a dirt road off the national highway, eight kilometers south of the town.

A policeman, SPO2 Romeo Saul, has been slapped with murder charges in a local court for his alleged involvement in the assault. The three other suspects remain at large.

Before Barrelo died at the emergency room of the Biliran Provincial Hospital, he reportedly claimed that the attackers were members of the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) in the province.

The following day, Congressman Chong went on air in a special program over Radyo Natin-Naval and blamed the Espina family, his known political enemies, for the assault on his father and security escorts.

Gov. Roger Espina, who was in Manila, denied Chong's accusations in another special radio program.

In another program, former Rep. Gerardo Espina Sr., whom Chong beat for Biliran's congressional seat during the 2007 elections, admitted that he was a "usual suspect," but claimed innocence and asserted that there had been no violent incidents during his three terms as Biliran representative in Congress and one term as mayor of Naval.

Crimes in Biliran

However, Biliran had registered a higher crime rate than the other provinces in the region in 2007.

When President Macapagal-Arroyo visited Tacloban City in Leyte late last year, she was informed in a closed-door briefing that Biliran had the highest crime rate in Eastern Visayas, according to the dean of a local school privy to that meeting. Crime rate refers to the number of crimes committed per 100,000 population.

Statistics from the website of the National Statistics Coordination Board in Eastern Visayas showed that, for the fourth quarter of 2007 alone, Biliran's crime rate at 29.9 per 100,000 population was almost double that of the second-ranked province, Northern Samar, at 15.7. The rate was estimated based on 52 index crimes committed during the quarter.

Index crimes are crimes that are sufficiently significant and occur with sufficient regularity so as to be meaningful such as murder, physical injury, robbery, theft and rape.

Although Biliran's crime statistics have been that way for years, the province did not have any presence of communist insurgents as there were no military camps in the vicinity.

But the situation in the once-peaceful Biliran changed in 2005. A local Vietnamese businessman was robbed inside his apartment by alleged bodyguards of the elder Espina when he was still Naval mayor on March 7, 2005, an allegation denied by the Espinas.

Suspects

The seven suspects included Rogelio Corpin and Nicomedes Azur, who were later convicted of simple robbery by a local court. Azur was returned to the National Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa City for breaking his parole provisions. He was set free again late last year, along with a huge number of inmates, after reaching 70 years of age.

Corpin eluded accessory return to Muntinlupa after the robbery on a technicality. A previous conviction record did not include his middle name, said a lawyer familiar with his case.

Corpin would be identified later as the suspect in the assassination of former Biliran Gov. Danilo Bedilla in Cebu City on Sept. 7, 2006. He was carrying an ID card as employee of the Biliran Provincial Capitol, signed by Gov. Rogelio Espina, when arrested by Cebu police. He is now detained in a Cebu jail.

The allegations that the Espina family were involved in the death of former Governor Bedilla became an issue during the May 2007 elections. Chong defeated the elder Espina for the congressional contest, but Espina's three children—Governor Espina, Kawayan Mayor Rudy Espina, and Naval Councilor Rosalyn Espina-Pasca—were reelected to their posts.

Texas side-show

When he spoke at the House of Representatives on Tuesday, Congressman Chong cited an incident during the campaign period last year.

He recalled that on April 29, 2007, at least six armed men, who identified themselves as police officers, stopped his convoy and wanted to search his vehicle allegedly upon the orders of Biliran Mayor Rudy Espina, twin brother of Governor Espina. Chong alleged that the armed men belonged to the CIDG.

Chong later filed complaints against two top-ranking CIDG officers who allegedly waylaid him and his party in Biliran.

Congressman Chong also alleged in his June 10 speech at the House of Representatives that the Espina family was involved in the June 7 ambush of his father and bodyguards.

The Espina family and their supporters have denied Chong's accusation over the radio and in other forums, including the Internet, over the past few days.

Other crimes have occurred in Biliran this year, but these did not gain national print media attention.

On Jan. 2, a couple was murdered inside their house in Barangay Atipolo in Naval town. The suspects remain at large.

On March 20, the municipal health officer of Culaba town was murdered in grisly fashion at her farmhouse. Dr. Gloria Ramirez, wife of a former mayor and present municipal councilor, suffered from burns in various parts of the body and her head was nearly cut off. The National Bureau of Investigation identified the suspects, who were detained but released later after the witnesses backed out.

On May 30, motorcycle-riding men, who were allegedly residents of a hinterland village of Caibiran town, took away P180,000 [illegible] from a local loan station.


A VIEW of the main street of downtown Naval. The ambush was staged about 200 meters downstream from where this photo was taken.


THE lush and beautiful scenery of the island-province of Biliran, as seen here from Biliran bridge, linking the island-province to Leyte, belies the terror gripping local residents over recent violent incidents believed to be related to the uneasy political situation in the island.

Broadband deal still on: Palace exec

BAGUIO CITY—THE GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED to draw commitments from private investors about pursuing the cancelled national broadband network project, so it is offering them a joint venture deal to start connecting provinces online.

NEWSBRIEFS

Public market burned

Bonus for employees

World's longest grill

LUPANG HINIRANG?

Note: The poet is a great grandson of Gen. Baldomero Aguinaldo, Secretary of War during the First Philippine Republic.



Greenpeace sets up camp to protest coal project

'We are not against your protest. But you are trespassing ...'

Kalinga leads way in hybrid rice program



Treasurer of town feared kidnapped

Govs upset at mayors' rule in pro-GMA group

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A tale of 2 flags unfurls in Baguio

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Rebel priest says CARP an insult

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Ex-FEU star Villanueva gives Beverage Masters big boost

A plus METRO

Las Piñas blaze claims 5 lives

2 other fires hit Taguig, Valenzuela

By DJ Yap

IN A FIERY AND TRAGIC START TO FRIDAY THE 13TH, FIVE PERsons, including a couple and their year-old baby, were killed past midnight in an hour-long blaze that struck their boarding house in Las Piñas City.

New south interchange reduces travel time by 30 minutes



MANILA BAY CLEANUP Environment advocates, led by the Public Relations Society of the Philippines, conduct cleanup operations in the Manila Bay shoreline with the Coast Guard and the Rotary Club (Pasay City), among others.

Lim aide survives ambush

Displaced QC students find refuge in other schools

Who keeps the public informed, the barber?

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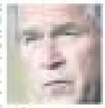


Ramon Tulfo

Poll: Global anti-China sentiment on the rise



US image gains as Bush seen exiting soon



BUSH

China, Taiwan agree on flights in landmark deal

The WORLD

US urges joint probe of Pakistan strikes

KABUL—THE US-LED COALITION IN Afghanistan on Thursday released grainy video footage to deflect claims it killed 11 Pakistani soldiers in an air strike, as US defense chief Robert Gates called for a joint probe.

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A DRAGON BIDS TO LIVE FOREVER

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Indian ex-spies come in from cold to seek compensation



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US Supreme Court rules for Guantanamo detainees

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Yahoo and Google reach ad agreement

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Hiker gave life to save wife, friend in blizzard

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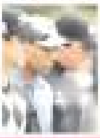
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Buncio, Aguilar face off; Padiernos targets sweep



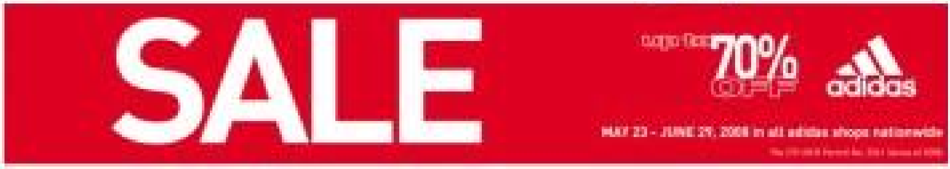
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BAP-SBP plans stronger RP fives



USLS spikers stun Hope for Shakey's title



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In the first four months, total inflows reached $5.4B

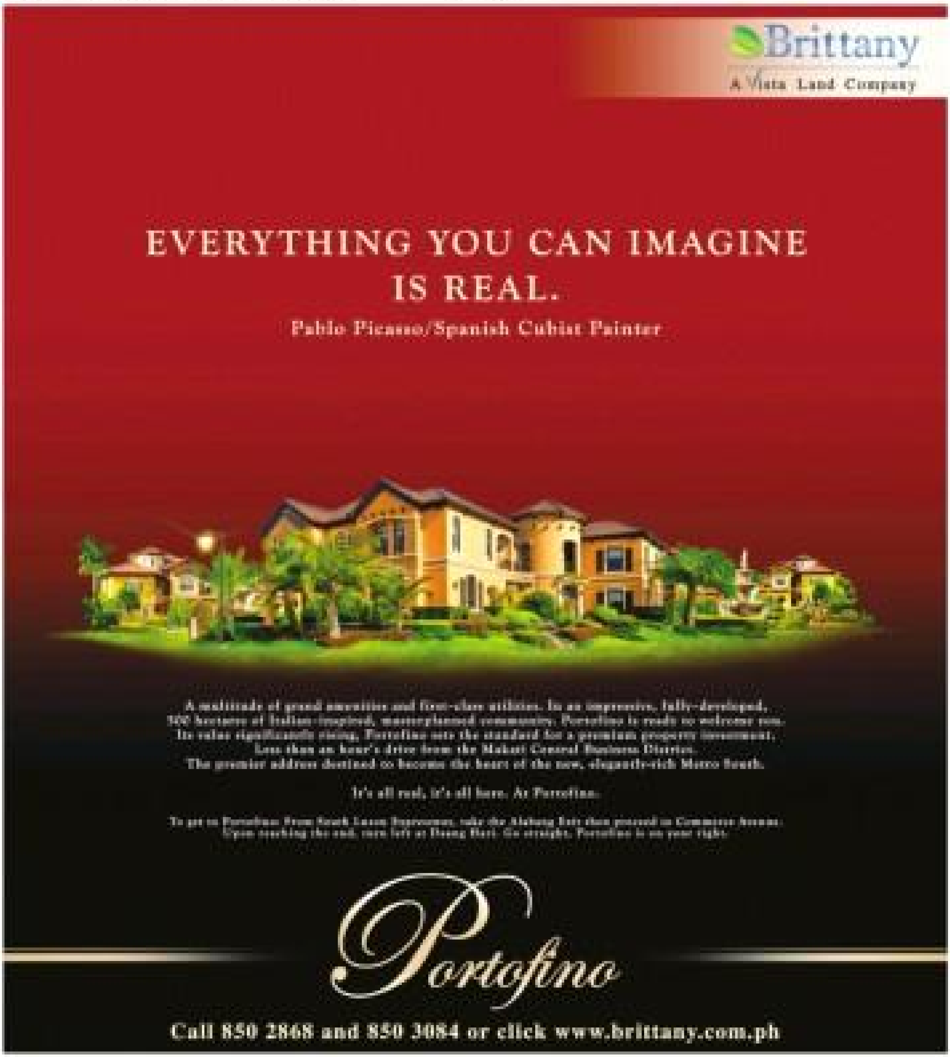
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RP expects to buy rice from Vietnam

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Shares close 0.4% higher



DMCI unit hikes prices

Better margin, more funds for marketing

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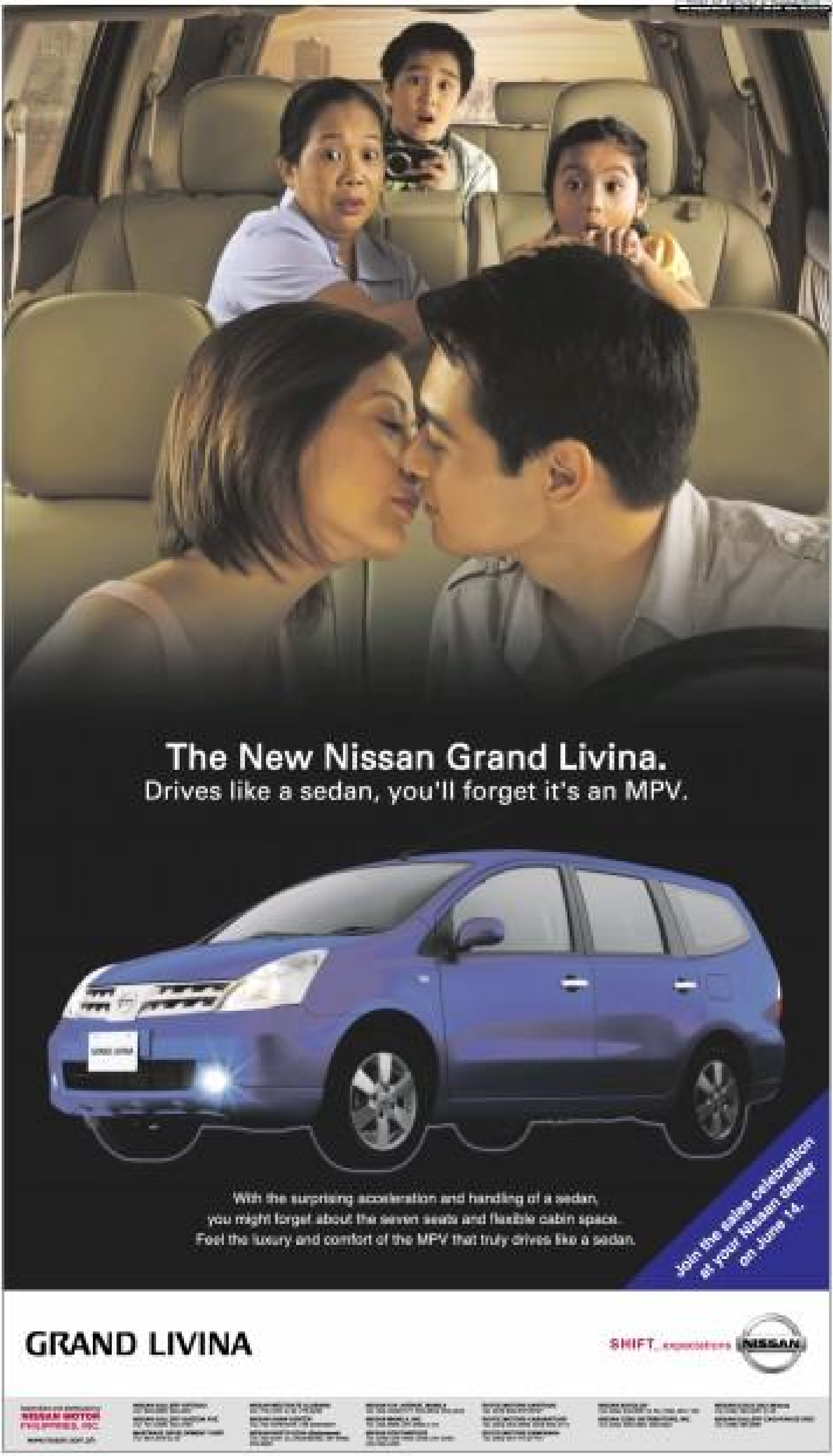
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Increase in RP savings seen with new law on retirement

Bill to benefit OFWs, says Senator Angara

By Michelle V. Remo

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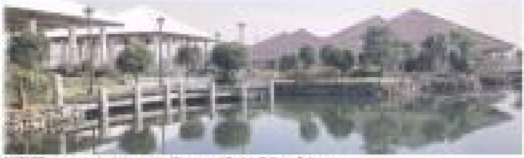


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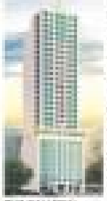


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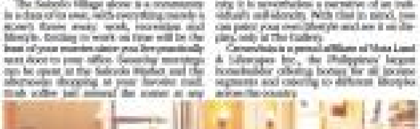
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Isabel Berenguer Asuncion

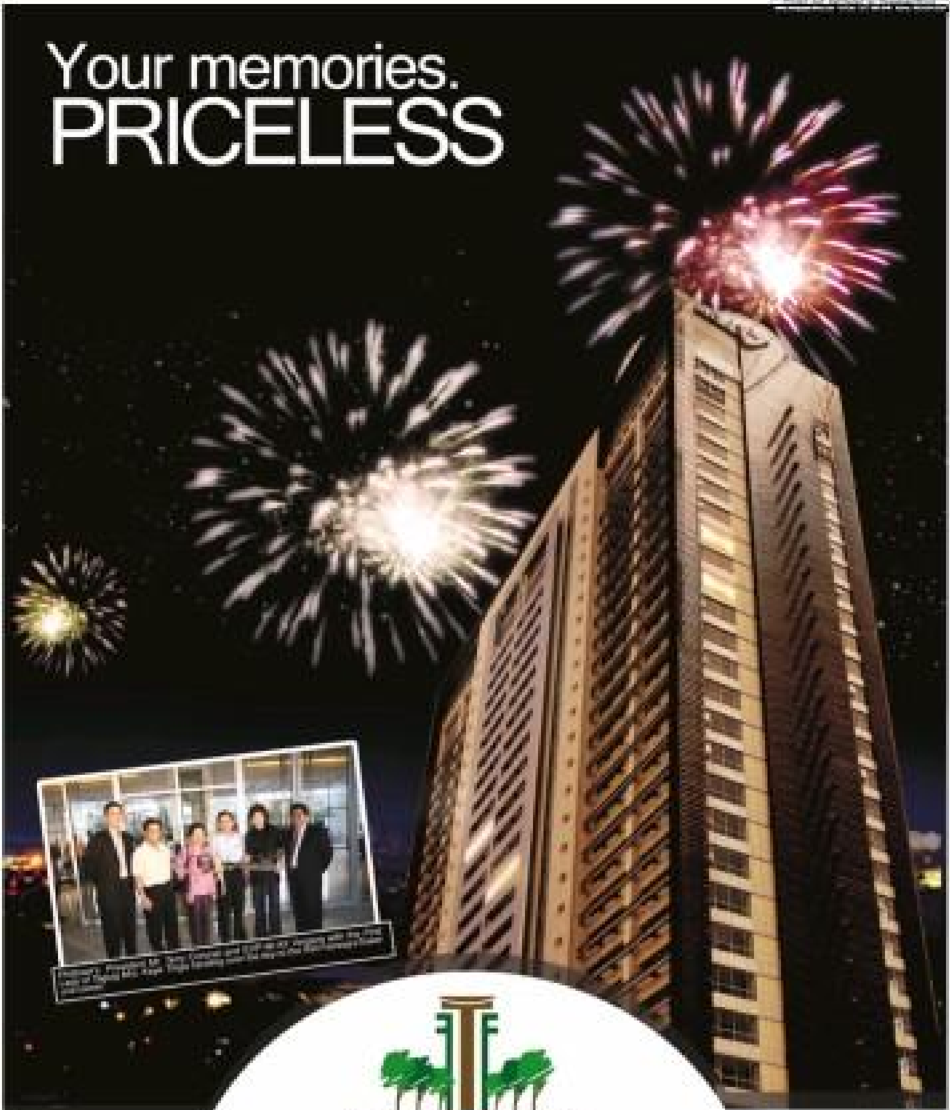


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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Ways to help prevent cervical cancer



AS EARLY AS AGE 10, ONE can already acquire the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), a common virus affecting one out of 10 people worldwide, or approximately 630 million people.

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How cervical cancer develops

[illegible]

Symptoms

[illegible]

Cancer prevention

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Campaign vs cervical cancer

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Doubtful at first

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Prevented infection

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Keeping the faith

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How we got here

DISCOVER



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Moved toward land masses

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Prehistorical settlement

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Beating obesity

Misconceptions

Health risks

A fighting chance

The killer J-curve in hypertension

By Rafael R. Castillo

MEDICAL FILES

Important clinical challenges

Risk factor



May do more harm than good

Getting to know osteoarthritis cure vs supplements

Best course of treatment

Trusted, proven brand

SCIENCE/HEALTH

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

A child in the house? Be extra careful



By Charles E. Buban

THE NEWS OF THE ACCIDENTAL death of 3-year-old twins Christopher and Christian Ortigoza, both of Barangay Malanday, Marikina City, has caught public attention. This led the public to be concerned about the hazards of unintentional poisoning from common household products or for that matter, any toxic stuff lying unsecured around the house.

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Greater risk

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Even medicines

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Cleaning solutions

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Teen pregnancies in the Philippines

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Numbers

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Risks

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3 new indications for anti-osteoporosis drug approved

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Impact on quality of life

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New indications

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For osteoporosis

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NGOs help cancer sufferers ease their pain

By Cesar D. Mangawang

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NGOs

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This week Super means Septuagenarian• Underage• Parental• Extended• Relatives AGE WITH SUPER

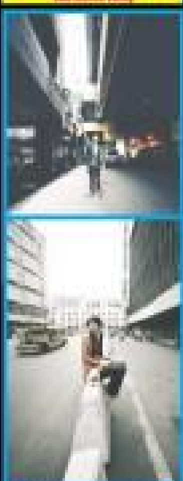


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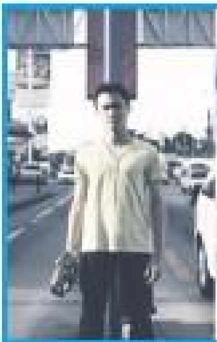
"Properly defining a generation entails not just looking at the kids' faces or seeing how they rebel. It's about appreciating the little things that they do right"

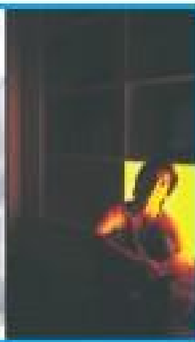


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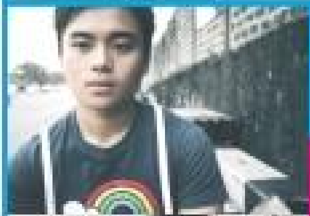
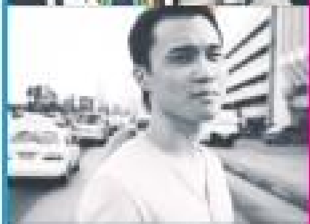


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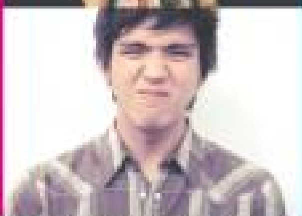




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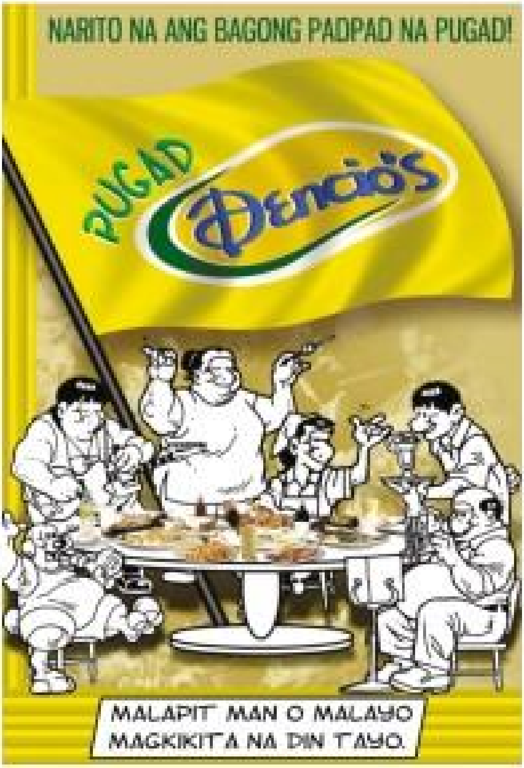
iMac.



Just when you thought iMac had everything, now there's even more. With the latest Intel Core 2 Duo processors, up to 2GB of memory standard, and Mac OS X Leopard and iLife '08, it's the ultimate all-in-one. iMac packs amazing performance into a stunningly slim space. The 20-inch model starts at just Php 56,900, the 24-inch model at just Php 85,400.

Authorized Reseller

Wander Years















VAN HEUSEN

BEST DRESS SHIRTS

LEAD LADY VAN HEUSEN WOMAN!

The sense of personality is very much related to the professional success attained by a person. Hence, it is very important to decide on the right kind of clothing to be worn to a workplace. The selection of the corporate dress will define a person's business aspiration.

The latest trend in corporate world is "power dressing". Power dressing gives the women employees a sophisticated look along with giving a younger look to them. It does not give any room for cultural and gender bias. Power dressing in women gives them a feel of empowerment, authority and also increases their confidence level. The image is lifted up at the work environment. It helps in maintaining a high professional standard. Women prefer a added touch to the dress they wear. Hence, they prefer to add their style of accessories to power dressing. Most of the women choose apparels, which are comfortable to wear and at the same time giving them a feminine look. Women at work can adopt a conservative style of dressing as it improves the image in society while retaining the elegance in them. The color of the dress is very important as it reflects the personality of the women. Pastel colors, black and dark brown go very well with corporate dress.

This is what VAN HEUSEN had in mind as they launch their WOMAN collection in Mall of Asia, Robinson Ermita, Shangri-la Mall, Ayala Trinoma, SM The Block, Gateway and SM City Cebu.

IZOD

IZOD Women unveils in the Philippines!

Finally IZOD Women has arrived!

This season women will likely be making room in their closets for a piece or two of IZOD 2008 Spring Collection.

IZOD 2008 Spring collection of soft knits, cool shirts and hip hugging skirts and pants combine only the best fit, the colors to compliment every woman and the comfort that matches her every move, perfect to cool down the summer heat.

IZOD women - now available at The Podium and Mall of Asia.

One of the Greatest Brand Names in America

London Early 1900's:

David Crystal Co. acquires exclusive rights to use the name IZOD from Jack Izod, "Shirt Maker to the King".

USA 1951:

Legendary tennis player Rene Lacoste partners with the David Crystal Co. to market a tennis shirt made of a new piqué knit. The popularity of the IZOD brand soars as an increasing number of celebrities and sportsmen are seen wearing IZOD shirts.

USA 1960's:

Now as IZOD-Lacoste, the polo shirt with the alligator emblem becomes an American fashion icon.

1995: Phillips-Van Heusen acquires IZOD brand

USA 1995-Present:

Under an agreement separating the IZOD brand from the Lacoste brand, PVH begins to reinvigorate the IZOD brand. In recent years, the IZOD product assortment dramatically expands and becomes one of the fastest growing brands in department stores across America.

IZOD has 5 different sub-labels that cater to a wide selection of customers.

Blue Label:

The Basic line wherein you can find the bold Crested Piqué shirts in an array of colors. At any given time, you can choose from at least 20 colors plus a variety of stripes and checkered knits and woven shirts. It is also complete with Chino and shorts to compliment the shirts.

Jeans Label:

The rugged look in which you will find Rockwashed knits and woven shirts. An assortment of denim pants from the darkest indigo to whitest white is available throughout the year. Here you will find the famous CI collar in which you seem to be wearing 2 shirts by having 2 different colored collars and cuffs.

Luxury Sports Label:

Finer fabrics, more refined designs to suit a more selective market. Double-pique and pima cotton are the norm for this label, which means a higher value product with better comfort and durability. Printed silk shirts, flat knit sweaters, lightweight chinos are just a few merchandise you can find at this label.

Xtreme Function (XFT):

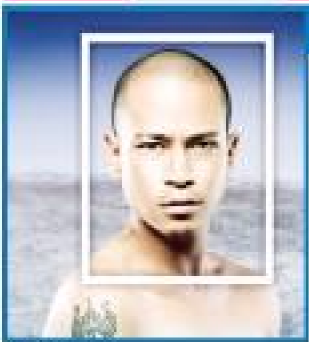
A collection is specifically made for golfers featuring Ultra-violet Protection Factor (UPF) 30 in which wearer are protected to the highest level from the sun. It also has FREEFLEX, wherein the shirt moves with the player as it takes a full swing eliminating restrictions of movement thus enhancing performance.

Perf Funct (PFX):

The Active line of the IZOD label which introduces first to the Philippines market COCONA and Cool FX. COCONA is natural product made from coconut that controls odor of the wearer. It also has sun protection factor incorporated in it. Cool FX is a moisture wicking material in which it absorbs moisture from the body and later evaporates quickly leaving a dry feeling even to the most active person.

IZOD

Taking people's vanity to the next level, hot shot photographer Niccolo Cosme elevates cam-wh*ring into a global message of togetherness



GETTING a head (shot)

One World, One Headshot

ON A BUSY FRIDAY afternoon in May, the Makati club Government opened its doors at 4 p.m. but not to start the weekend revelries early. This was a special day. This was the day of the second Headshot Clinic—Headshot Clinic One World.

Hit me with your best (head) shot

One World, One He[...]

"I wanted something more profound, something deeper than vanity," he explains [...] [illegible]

As the same time, friends from other countries have requested for him to go there and hold the clinic outside of Manila. [illegible] Melbourne, Australia [...] Vietnam. [...] from Hong Kong and Macau and Singapore and so on.

With all this coming together, One World was born. [illegible]

"This is a glorified beauty pageant," Niccolo says with a laugh. "Everybody is a contestant. And beauty pageants are for promoting world peace."

It's all in your head (shot)

Niccolo has already shot Manila, Hong Kong, Macau, Cambodia and Vietnam and will be heading to Malaysia and Singapore [...] followed by trips to Thailand and Australia, the latter still tentative.

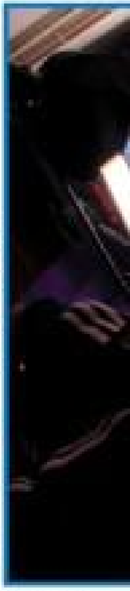
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There is a plan for a huge exhibit on

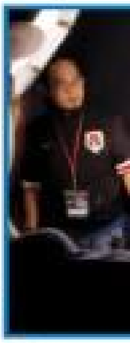


PICTURE THIS! Niccolo Co[...]

> If I see an interesting profile shot or picture, I'd click on that. It's a way of self-promotion.
> –Niccolo Cosme



DOUBLE exposure



PHOTO[...]

Headshot

From page D1





September, where all the headshots from all participating countries help promote the idea of unity through an exercise of vanity. "It goes beyond photography," Nicolo says about the whole project. "It's a personal experience." After all, at it's most basic, it's self-promotion but at the same time, it's a message. We are all the same, no matter how different we try to be. We all want a nice picture of ourselves and we want everyone to see it so we post it as our profile picture. Hopefully, it's enough for us to come together. If not, at least the internet is a much better looking place to surf in.

To learn more about Nicolo Cosme and the Headshot Clinic visit www.headshotclinic.com and www.nicolocosme.com.

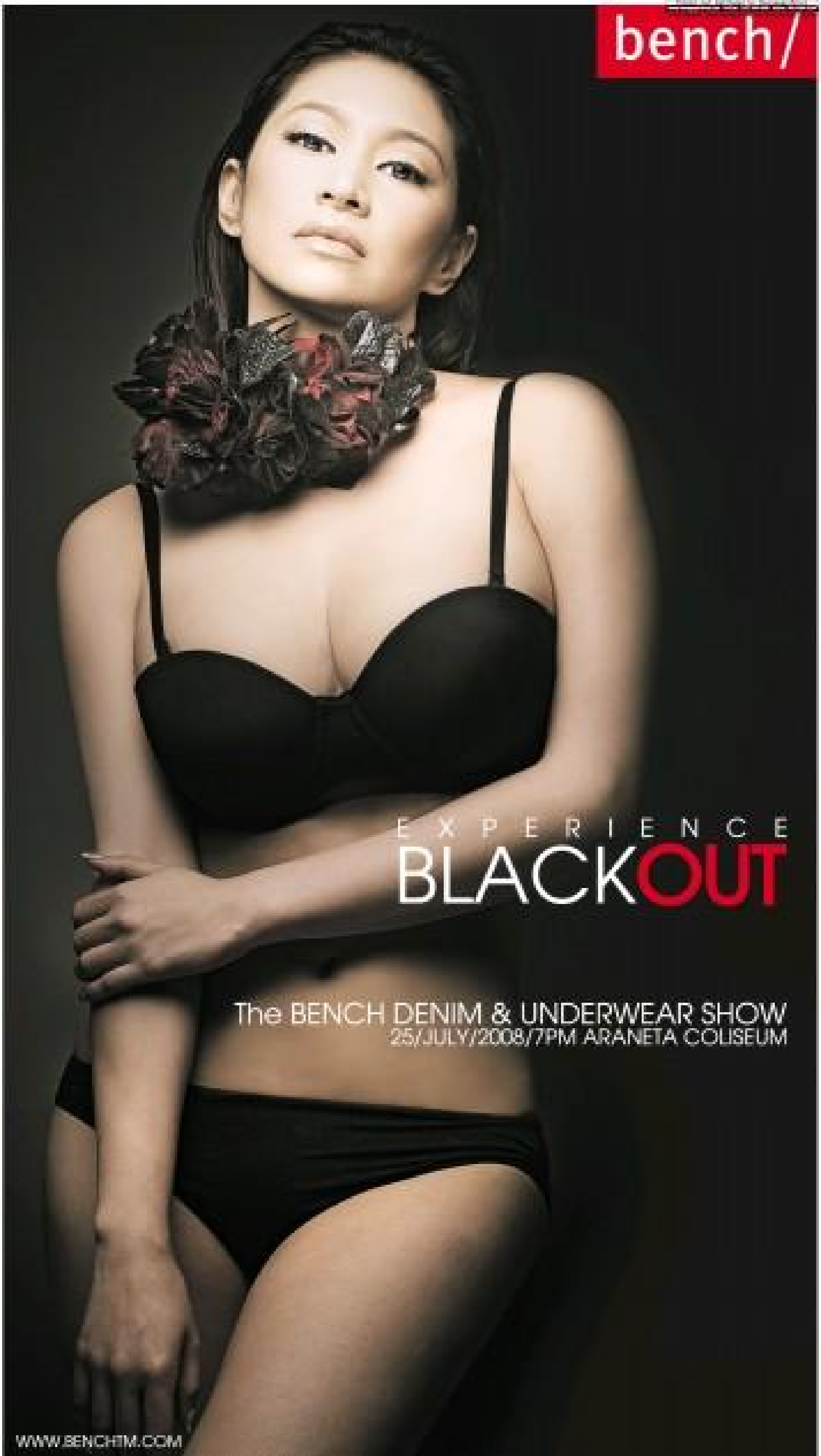

THE MONEY shot



Kim Atienza, show host of Matanglawin, gets a crash course in ball pen manufacturing from UNI Mitsubishi for his upcoming episode How Things are Made. Shown in this photo are (L-R) Ric Pellicer, Kim Atienza, Michelle Pellicer and Monica Pacifici. This episode will be aired this Sunday, June 15, at 10:00 am on ABS-CBN.






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The best listener

A grandmother is nothing like a mother, they're seemingly more patient, more detached, and more oblivious to your faults.

by [illegible]

A COUSIN ONCE told me over dinner that moments when you felt most blissful or most happy are never repeated in the same, exact intensity, that's why the older you get, the more you realize that a life is built on being buoyed (and sometimes dragged down) by memories.

If I had to take one of those instantly, psychological tests in which I'm given less time than it takes to blink an eye to say a word in reaction to another, my reaction to the word "generations" would be family.

Yes, predictable and for many, but family is normally a very underrated and underestimated unassuming factor of our DNA.

We all have funny, enlightening, depending on "the war story" tally accounts of what goes on with our blood relatives, and whether we like it or not, we continue an age-old tradition of passing down stories for other generations to learn.

They may get embellished, tweaked or downright fabricated as the years go by but they're still worthy of at least one telling at a family gathering.

A little over a year ago, a most beloved storyteller, and more importantly listener, was lost to us. My lola Neny, who was (in my opinion) the binding factor in most of our reunions and get togethers, passed on seven years short of turning a century old.

Of course our family got the usual barrage of "Wow, she lived a full life," or "That's a great age to die." Whatever. As far as I was concerned, my lola was going to live forever. Period. She had gotten sick before but she had always stayed in the hospital for a brief spell and was back home and back to normal.

But, ironically, on Mother's Day in 2007, she finally succumbed, and slipped rather quietly away from this life to the afterlife, and none of us seemed prepared to believe it.

It's hard to verbalize the loss of someone who was there from the moment you were born, although oftentimes she seemed in the background as you went through the more tumultuous times in your life.

A grandmother is nothing like a mother, they're seemingly more patient, more detached, and more oblivious to your faults. Perhaps because they didn't see you that often or, in my lola's case, didn't want to get too involved for fear of being too intrusive.

But oh, how she could listen, with that lightness and lack of judgment that a child would produce.

She seemed genuinely interested in everything you had to say and her voice would rise in wonder whenever something new or "innovative" would be included in a conversation.

The fax machine, to her, was more alien intelligence than she could ever have dreamt of. The very notion that the exact same page could appear exactly the same way halfway across the country (or the world) seemed like black magic.

How very different from this new generation, who look at a fax machine as a dinosaur piece of equipment.

It's been more than a year since her passing but her presence is still felt and surely missed.

As a test to what an impact this magnificent woman had in our lives, I shot out a text an hour before I was to write this article to my fellow cousins, asking for a one to two sentence "memory" of her.

Within minutes, I received responses, even one from as far off as Madrid, Spain. The common thread? "She was a great listener" kept coming out, as if it was the very first thing that came to mind. And that she was.

I can only imagine, with regret, how many stories were filed lovingly away in my grandmother's mind, stories that could have once more been shared with other generations to come.

She will forever be remembered, and retold, as the matriarch with the sweetest, for as long as someone is willing to listen.



LOLA Neny, Margarita Rebollido-Arenero, lounging around in Baguio in 1930.



ALMOST 80 years later, with a great grandson

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

Philippine Hotels Directory

The Pavilion fetes dad





Dad's Day at The Sulo Hotel

A father's weekend treat at the Renaissance

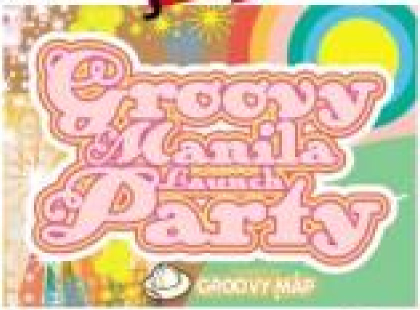
Treat dad to InterContinental Manila

Celebrate Father's Day the Marco Polo Davao way

Daddy's day-off at Astoria Plaza



Celebrate with dad at the Bellevue



Are you groovy?

TODAY IS THE LAUNCH OF THE GROOVY MANILA MAP N' GUIDE, A BEAUTIFUL LAMINATED MAP THAT DETAILS THE MOST HAPPENING PLACES IN THE CITY. JOIN MANILA'S MOST TALKED-ABOUT CITY GUIDE CARLOS CELDRAN AS HE TAKES YOU ON A WALKING TOUR AND THEN BOARD A LOVE TRAIN TO CUBAO X FOR A FUNKY LAUNCH PARTY LIKE NO OTHER.

Meet Carlos Celdran in Starbucks at the Petron station on Pasay Road and EDSA at 6 p.m. to join the groovy love parade. Wear groovy clothes or a groovy costume and win prizes. The love parade leaves Starbucks at 6:15 p.m. for the Ayala MRT station for a tour like no other. Or, just go straight to the party at Mogwai in Cubao Expo and watch performances by Green Papaya Projects and Kolotik, music by Caliph8 and Mark Zero, visual designs by Weewilldoodle, and an artist street fair.

Groovy Manila Map n' Guide is part of a series of Groovy Maps that is dedicated to providing you with all the info you need to get most out of a city in a short time. Other maps in the series include Groovy Beijing, Groovy Hong Kong, Groovy Sydney, and more and now, Manila has its own.

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The Richmonde Hotel gives only the best for dad

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"Don't let the rainy days get you down! [illegible] at Courtyard Inn. Starting June 15 and for the whole months of July, August and September, Courtyard Inn offers its "Rainy Day Promo". [illegible] For more details regarding Courtyard Inn's Rainy Days Promo, call [illegible] or log on to www.courtyardinn-subic.com.

Shangri-La Cebu all set for the pinnacle of culinary masterpieces

AS EXECUTIVE CHEF OF THE resort, chef Emmanuel Gueneau leads an exciting new line-up of international chefs set to bring Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa, Cebu to the pinnacle of culinary masterpieces in the South.

Chef Emmanuel has vast gastronomic experience gained at Michelin-starred restaurants in France and England. His culinary career has taken him around Europe, the Caribbean and Asia, specializing in the cuisine of his native home. The lure of other continents beckoned chef Emmanuel, and he subsequently moved to Agra, India, where he oversaw kitchen operations for three years, and Mauritius, in Africa, before settling down as executive chef of Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa, Cebu.

Chef Emmanuel likes preparing seafood best, owing to clean fresh taste. The waters of Mactan, Cebu are ideal to his preference, noting the similarity of the idyllic life in the Caribbean and the natural warmth of Cebu. He looks forward to exploring the island with his wife and daughter, and getting to know the people and way of life.

Most recently chef Emmanuel participated in the 2nd Canadian Culinary Cook-off and Charity Dinner: Cebu-Manila Executive Chefs' Challenge last June 3, on board the HMCS Ottawa docked at Pier 13, South Harbor, Manila Bay. Chef Emmanuel, together with four other executive chefs from leading Cebu properties, prepared five dishes comprised of appetizer, soup, main course, dessert and a surprise "wild card" dish. All the chefs used premium Canadian ingredients flown in specially for the event.

The executive chefs used prime Alberta beef, prairie bison steak, Quebec foie gras, cold-smoked sockeye salmon, Pacific king crab, British Columbia oysters, Digby scallops, Nova Scotia lobster, Dungeness crab, wild blueberries and pure maple syrup, to concoct 10 never-before-tasted recipes for the invitees, comprised of the country's top movers and shakers in the business and civic circles. Each of the invitees participated as judges, rating each dish according to presentation, use of ingredients and flavor. The Cebu team won Best Appetizer and Best Main Course, respectively.

For more information or reservations, please contact a travel professional or access the website at www.shangri-la.com.



CHEF Emmanuel Gueneau

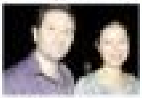
Feeling the wave with DJ Sinclair


ELISE Gunther, Kathreen Igban, Glea Quo and Aby Ramos


SASHA Manuel with Rico Hizonsagohit and AJ Marcelo


NOKIA Marketing Manager Mitch So with Quark Henares


NOKIA's Dindo Trinidad with Cyril Valoraro and Noel Reyes


NOKIA Corporate Communications Manager Nikki Alen with Rody Olaba of Digitek


DJ DIDIER Sinclair bringing down the house

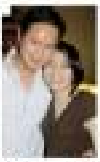
NOKIA TOGETHER WITH ALLIANCE FRANcaise recently presented a night of music from the pioneer of French "FM," DJ Didier Sinclair. Manila's music loving and stylish set flocked to Ascend at Bonifacio High Street, all set to dance to fun and heavenly music all night long.

"Nokia shares the same passion for music with Didier Sinclair in the form of our music phones like the Nokia 5310 XpressMusic and Nokia 5610 XpressMusic which have built-in music players and dedicated music keys for easy and quick access to your favorite songs," says William Hamilton-Whyte, General Manager, Nokia Philippines.

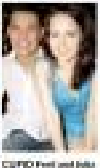
As one of the precursors of French house music, DJ Didier Sinclair began his career as animator and DJ in the different local radio stations of Montpellier in the year 1982. In 1994, he started to work for NRJ radio station in Montpellier and two years later for FUN Radio. As years passed, he has become a household name across his homeland and the whole world, playing alongside the biggest names of this industry and releasing certified singles/hits of his own.

Seen at the event were the Nokia team led by its general manager, William Hamilton-Whyte accompanied by Angelique Repaps, Nokia Corporate Communications manager Nikki Alen, Nokia marketing head Sandeep Khanna, Nokia marketing manager Mitch So. Also enjoying DJ Sinclair's music were Alliance Francaise director Olivier Dieringer and Marie Wucherle, Lifestyle Asia's Cheryl Tiu with Sofitel's Quentin Regnard, JB Imor, Crystalle Henares, Quark Henares, and Anne Henares, Rosanna Rosete, Joycie Fernandez and Phoebe Fontes, Rico Hizonsagohit and Sasha Manuel, Jaime Garcia, Pete Teodoro, Cyril Valoraro and Noel Reyes.


ANGELIQUE Repaps with Anne Henares and William Hamilton-Whyte, General Manager, Nokia Philippines

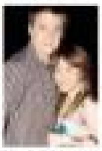

JON Santamaria and Jessie Young


NOKIA Marketing Head Sandeep Khanna and Crystalle Henares


CUPID Ford and Jake Ambrosio


JAEGER Tiozon and Roy Arcy

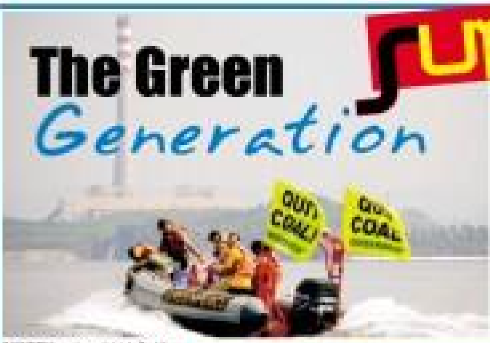

ALLIANCE Francaise Director Olivier Dieringer with Marie Wucherle


SOFITEL's Quentin Regnard and Cheryl Tiu

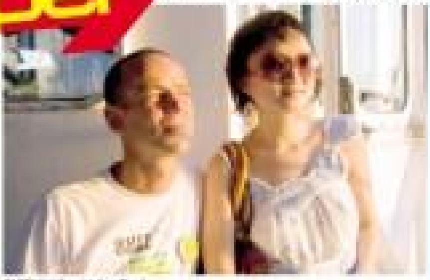
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The Green Generation



RAINBOW Warrior activists in Pagbilao



CAPTION: Mike with Suzy Tanaka

By Juana Manalon

WHILE environmentalists have been around for years trying to warn us of the damage we are doing to the earth, it is only now that we are listening. It's hard to ignore bizarre weather patterns, torrential rains, flooding and drought. While generations before us enjoyed the bounty of the earth, it is our generation's job to preserve and restore it. Buzzwords such as "carbon neutral, carbon foot print and emission reduction" all refer to the impact that using fossil fuels have on the earth, can be a bit intimidating to hear. Carbon calculators are available on line for you to see how much carbon your everyday existence puts out into the atmosphere and how to erase them. This can be done by buying carbon credits which come from "green" projects to offset the evil toxins that you are putting into the air. While all of this sounds taxing and a bit restrictive, it's best to think of becoming carbon neutral like you would a diet. Counting calories is taxing and restricting, while changing your way of life to live healthier is more liberating and lasts longer.

Almost everything is getting more expensive with the rising price of oil, you would be doing yourself a favor by making a few simple changes. Being environmentally conscious doesn't mean wearing sack cloth, eating barley and not showering. While saving on the pesos, you are also doing your part to save the Earth. There are a few simple things you can do in your everyday life. These aren't new or original tips, we just need to find the discipline to actually do it.

1. Take a walk if your destination isn't so far away. With the price of oil projected at $150 per barrel, you are saving a lot on gas while getting some much needed exercise.

2. Unplug things when not in use. Items that aren't being used suck up energy even if they aren't on.

3. Take quicker showers. While it's great to sing and hang around a hot shower, think of the water you are wasting. Also, many apartments and associations are starting to charge for the diesel used to heat hot water tanks.

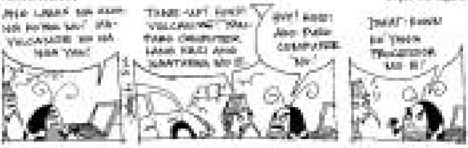
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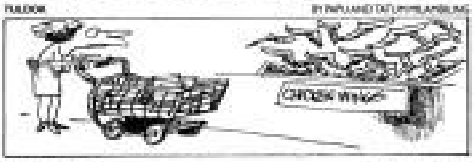
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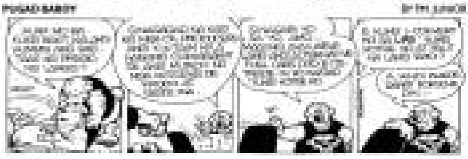
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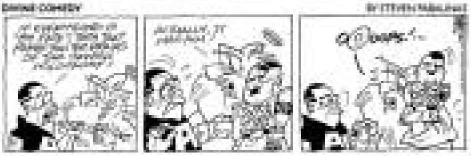
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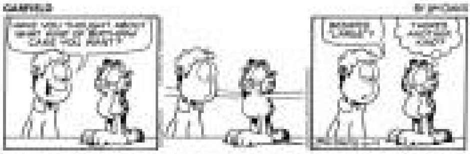
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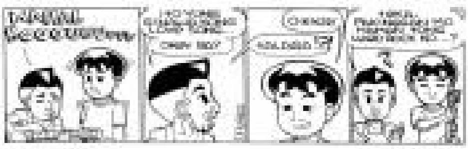
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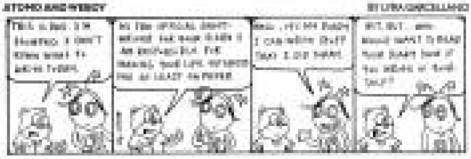
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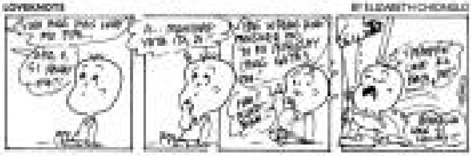
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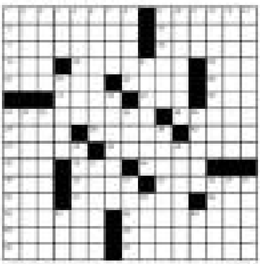


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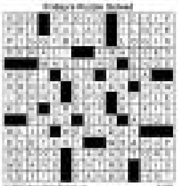


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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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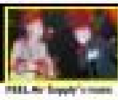
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24/7 SUPER Radar

SEE Avenue Q

FEEL Air Supply's music

By Janice Cuenca-Dario and Stef Juan

EXPERIENCE a whole new meaning of Cirque at **Bamboo** when it goes to Warehouse 135 on June 14. This is a club night like you haven't seen before, especially when you rarely get out of Makati—from the amazing visuals by VJ Ruby K, to the crazy Dirce installations by Decorations and, of course, the DJs of names such as Apa Tuapa, Lukas Hidalgo, Nicky Arado and Pau. To get into the very limited guest list, you can text or call 0915-6509316. Keep your eyes open for Cleanbody at other locations!

Could this be it, your last chance to *SEE* the puppets of **Avenue Q**? June 14 marks the beginning of Avenue Q's last run at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium (RCBC Center, Makati City) until the 21st. Find out what Trekkie Monster uses the Internet for. Will Princeton find out what he can do with a BA in English? Where's that Bee, Jim Has Kate Monster is singing about? Could this really be Avenue Q's farewell run? Well, I hope not, but it looks like this is it for now. To find out if there's still tickets available, call 8919999.

Awaken the hipster in you and go to *HEAR* Freedom live at the Freedom Bar (Scout [illegible] cor. Anonas Ave. Cubao) when Six Point Art Productions presents "**[illegible]**", A Celebration of INDIE-pendent Music and INDIE-pendent Films. Starting at 7:00 p.m., stay for a preview of Jim Libiran's TRIBU, "Ang Paaka ni Jenny," a 30-minute documentary on a child laborer in Leyte by Charena Banda and Emerald Hidalgo, and a patriot-in-glass [illegible] called Sound by Royal [illegible]. The bands on hand include acts that you probably haven't heard about before, but would be glad to hear and remember, such as Lila, Subterfuse, Loki, Sporty, Gigantic Greens, Cetsch, and Pesquiforey.

FEEL the songs of **Air Supply** tug at your heartstrings once more with their classics when they go on stage at the Araneta Coliseum tonight at 8:00 p.m. Just make sure you're prepared for the next few days wherein you'll be spontaneously bursting into song with the soaring choruses of "All Out of Love," "Two Less Lonely People in the World," "Here I Am (Just When I Thought I was Over You)" and all the other songs that everyone seems to know how to sing. Call 9112200.

SEE the surviving members of the Osmond family when they come to Manila in **The Osmonds @ 50**, their 50th anniversary world tour. Yes, it's been half a century of "Puppy Rosen," "I'm Leaving It All Up to You," and "Let Me In." See Donny, Marie and Jimmy with their family on stage at 8:00 p.m. at the PICC, CCP Complex, Pasay City. Call 8919999.

Information is subject to change without prior notice. For more information on events, log on to www.mag24-7.com or pick up your free copy of 24/7 National Navigator at your favorite malls, bars and restaurants. You may also text 24/7 gigs to 2861 for Globe and Sun and 2050 for Smart. Submit your schedule before Tuesday to events@mag24-7.com and mag247@gmail.com for inclusion in this column.





AMANDA and Luisa Cuyco touring the ship

JONJON Bulivo welcoming guests to the Rainbow Warrior

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(where you can). Most commercial products are loaded with chemicals that are harmful to the earth and can leave deposits in your body. While previous organic products were not as effective as their evil counterparts, organic companies are stepping up their game and are producing products to rival the commercial brands.

5. Ditch the plastic: Instead of buying bottled water to take to the office, take a mug or a glass instead. This way you know what you throw away. With all the adorable "save the earth" shoppers out there, there is almost no excuse why you shouldn't have one and refuse plastic bags in stores. On the flip side, merchants should teach their staff to encourage not using plastic.

6. Offset carbon credits (if you really feel bad about gas guzzling) : Make sure that the carbon credits you buy come from a reliable source. This is a fast growing trading market with a lot of fakes coming especially from China. (as good fakes would)

7. Teach your kids to think green: We can do our part for now, but the next generation should be brought up conscious about the environment. Let conserving, reusing and recycling be a part of their everyday lives.

The Warrior Tea

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW famous ships that can be recalled by name. The QE II, Queen Mary, the tragic Titanic. Only one ship however has its mission to save the earth, the iconic Rainbow Warrior. Greenpeace's famous marine campaigning vessel recently docked at the port of Manila, en route to Bolinao/Masinloc to promote their STOP COAL campaign. With climate change getting worse and worse every season, Greenpeace is rallying against the use of coal-fueled power plants which release hazardous substances such as mercury, arsenic and lead. While in Manila, green-out friend of the earth JonJon Bulivo invited a few friends to the Rainbow Warrior to tour the ship and learn more about how we can do our part in saving the earth.



GREENPEACE crew explaining the ship's facilities

PIGGY BANK TRAVELS

Tips for traveling on a budget

By Ruby de Vera

SINCE NOT EVERYONE can travel like a movie star, with first-class seats and 5-star hotels, here are ways to stretch your hard-earned peso when going on vacation.

1 Take advantage and maximize airline promo fares. Booking your trip on a weekday is cheaper, and so are certain flight times during the day. Reservations made as far as possible from the date of the trip also cost less.

2 Look for package deals. Sometimes airlines offer free accommodation if you book through them on a given period. Carefully check the conditions, though, because usually the plane tickets are fully restricted, meaning it's non-refundable, non-reimbursable, and non-transferable. If you miss the flight, say goodbye to your money.

3 Research the place you're going to before booking everything. Are the tourist spots far away from each other? That would mean spending more money for transportation. Look for inns and hotels that are nearest to where the activities will mostly be.

4 Google, Google, Google. The Internet is your friend. Check out travel forums and discussion boards. The best people to ask are those who have actually been there, not the flyers for discounts.

5 If you're going out of the country, keep tabs on the exchange rates. As a rule of thumb, bring unmarked US dollars. Some countries will not exchange bills that are stamped or marked in some way.

6 Don't change all your dollars just yet, unless you're going to a place where there are no money changers all the time. Having all those local currency on hand just tempts you to spend everything all at once.

7 Bring emergency money tucked deep in a safe hiding place. Save this for real emergencies, such as lost luggage or missed flights. When you're far away from home, you never know what happens.

8 You don't have to eat at an expensive restaurant to try the local food. The best is almost always on the streets. When the locals line up, that's your clue. Use your better judgment on choosing where to eat though, you don't want to be catching some exotic disease.

9 Bring out the plastic only when you have to. Credit card exchange rates are different from the published rate, so you might get a shocker when you finally get the bill. Besides, credit cards create the illusion of wealth. It's easy to sign for something now, then worry about paying later.

10 Set a budget and stick to it. From your research, make a daily itinerary so you have an idea what you're going to spend each day. Aside from your emergency money, set aside a 10 percent contingency allowance. You know, for souvenirs.

SUPER SELECTS

Bar One



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By Ruby de Vera, Photo by Noel Cruz

TODAY'S YOUNG PROfessionals work hard, but when they come out to play, they will really play. Their tastes have evolved to filter out those that leave a bitter aftertaste, and retain only the ones that give more bang for their hard-earned bucks. A typical night out for a yuppie would mean going somewhere where there's good food, good music and liquor. Throw in a billiard table or two and you've got yourself a deal.

Located beside Eats at Holiday Inn Galleria, Bar One has all these and more. With its Barkada Package consisting of a Pica-Pica Platter plus six local beers, it's a real steal for only P[illegible]++. The Pica Pica Platter contains all your favorite bar chows like chicken fingers, pork cracklings, French fries and lumpiang shanghai. For more food choices, Bar One also serves sisig, calamares, crispy pata, buffalo wings, and sausage platters–all great with their wide selection of drinks.

There's a different band every night with a great mix of acoustic, R&B, and retro music. Was your clearing place–there's a dance floor in case you find yourself enjoying the band too much. In case dancing is too much for you, there's a billiard table available but you have to be quick because it gets taken up fast.

Bar One is located at the 4th Floor, Holiday Inn Galleria, 1 ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig. You can call 633-7111 for inquiries and reservations.



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Wax on, *wax off*

LOST IN TRANSIT



Paolo R. Reyes

Like a camouflaged ninja that inhabits the shadows, the treasures of ancient Kyoto are largely hidden from casual view. But part of the fun, if you can manage to summon the sly samurai in you, is in finding them

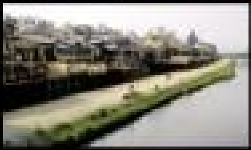
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Wax on, wax off

"Sometimes, what heart know, head forget."
—Mr. Miyagi

THIS WAS DEFINITELY no gull-winged De Lorean powered by radioactive plutonium. Or so I thought.

As the Shinkansen bullet train darted through the Kansai countryside at time-bending speeds well beyond 88 mph, I somehow got the nagging feeling that the conductor had installed a Flux Capacitor in its eerily quiet engine, leaving a "1957" on the analog LED screen in front of him.

This high-speed Wagon machine was bound for Kyoto, after all, Japan's erstwhile imperial capital and current cultural epicenter. Spared from the strife of World War II, the well-preserved city—with the lazy Hozu River meandering through it—has been likened to the Florence of the East, housing 20 percent of Japan's most visited religio-historical sites.

But stepping out into Platform No. 12 of the immaculately sterile Kyoto Station, a sort of steel-and-glass cathedral for the transport age, as the space-age Kyoto Tower loomed like a Disney-brand rocket in the near-by distance, I wondered for a moment if my ever reliable trusty literature had failed me for the first time.

Where were the samurai-protected shogun castles, the kimono-clad geishas, the romantic old ryokans, the cherry-tree-lined Shinto shrines? I thought to myself, a little ruefully.

Not in this flying saucer-like Hiroshi Hara-designed structure, that's for sure, with its WiFi-friendly McDonald's (complete with designated laptop stations) and high-end Isetan department store absorbed in its high-tech hip.

But, as I eventually discovered in the drizzly days that followed, the remnants of ancient Kyoto, like an invisible ninja that inhabits the shadows, are largely hidden from casual view. And part of the fun—if you can manage to summon the sly samurai in you—is in finding them.

With only a camera and a couple of yen to your name, you can lose yourself in this lost world, a time when Tokyo was but a sleepy village at the mouth of the Sumida river. And when you've had enough, you can always hop on that bullet train back to the future.











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Just in time for a happy Father's Day



Antiquorum Hong Kong auction in record-breaking sales figures

By Alvin Uy

THE WORLD'S LEADING WATCH auctioneer held its Hong Kong auction last June 8th with a total of HK$ 36,035,200 (US$ 4,616,716). Of the 417 luxury timepieces on the auction block, 112 percent was sold by estimated value and 72 percent was sold by lot. The auction house holds the distinction of publicly selling 44 out of 62 timepieces ever sold by major auction houses valued above one million Swiss Francs. In 2002, Antiquorum established a world record price for a wristwatch at an auction when it sold a 1939 platinum Patek Philippe World Time Ref. 1415 for US$ 4,026,524. This was more than double the previous record. Another record was set for a modern watch that was sold in 2004, a white gold Patek Philippe Calibre 89 pocket watch, with a hammer price of US$ 5,002,652.

The otherwise subdued Hong Kong Club Building became a fierce bidding battleground for telephone and registered online bidders numbering over 300 as well as local and international buyers from all over the world as far away as the United States, Russia, Switzerland and Japan.

Patek Philippe, considered a top favorite among the blue chip luxury brands, sold 11 out of the top 10 lots sold. Lot 411 was the highlight of the sale. A Patek Philippe white gold wristwatch Ref. 5004G, featuring a perpetual calendar split chronograph which was sold at HK$ 2,551,000 (US$ 326,664) followed by lot 413, a limited edition annual calendar featuring a silicon escape wheel and Silinvar Spiromax balance spring sold for HK$ 500,000 (US$ 64,516) and by lot 373, a 18K yellow gold wristwatch with retrograde perpetual calendar which reached HK$ 515,000 (US$ 66,470). There also seems to be continuing interest for pocket watches. A rare Patek Philippe "Baron Albert Salomon von Rothschild" pocket watch (lot 417) made in 1866 reached HK$ 780,000 (US$ 99,800) followed by the earliest known Patek Philippe watch with an alarm (lot 145) which was acquired for HK$ 480,000 (US$ 61,486).

Another blue chip staple, Rolex, had 5 watches sold in the top 10 lots with lot 328 a highly collectible stainless steel "Paul Newman" Cosmograph Daytona Ref. 6239/6262 circa 1969 sold at HK$ 540,000 (US$ 69,230). The other two were lot 406, a Rolex made Panerai "Radiomir" acquired for HK$ 750,000 (US$ 95,800) and a rare Rolex Lowest Legendary Comex Sea Dweller, Ref. 1665, sold at HK$ 950,000 (US$ 122,820).

Waterproof to a depth of 2,000ft. or 600 meters, it is considered an extreme performance watersports watch in the 1960s.

Fabien Chalin, auctioneer of the sale, said, "Today's results once again attest to the strength of the Asian market. Considering the continued demand for rare and collectible timepieces in Asia, we can confirm that China is becoming one of the strongest market in the world". The former British colony is considered as Asia's leading market for luxury timepieces and has been a traditional gateway to the Chinese market with an ever-growing appetite for luxury goods.

All the hammer prices stated included the buyer's premium. The next auction will be held in June 16th as collectors look forward to another bout of frenzied bidding on a wide variety of the world's most sought after watches. Over 550 timepieces will be in the auction block for sale in the Important Collectors' Wristwatches, Pocket Watches & Clocks sale at Antiquorum's US headquarters on Madison Avenue in New York City.





IWC pilot's watches for father and son

By Alvin Uy

EVERY YOUNG BOY DREAMS of being a pilot someday. With IWC's pilot's watches for father and son, IWC forges this dream into a cherished memento by offering a Big Pilot's Watch in platinum for the father, and its smaller counterpart in stainless steel for the son. Both have the same rhodium-plated, light-colored dial of the pilot's watches, with the same user-friendly onion-shaped crown reminiscent of the early pilot's watches and the same brown crocodile leather strap and characteristic steel rivets. The only difference between the two watches is their size.

Ensconced behind the bigger 46mm round case father's model is the 51111 calibre movement, with its renowned long running mechanical movement with an automatic Pellaton winding system and 7-day power reserve that is indicated on the dial. The anti-reflective sapphire glass is specially secured against displacement by a sudden drop in air pressure while the smaller edition for the son is fitted with the same specs as IWC's Mark XVI pilot watch with a 39mm stainless steel case housing its 30110 calibre automatic movement. It features a central seconds hand and a date display. Both watches are water resistant up to 6 bar. In the backcase, a space for engraving the owner's names are provided. A very useful feature specially if the father has several kids soon to own these watches.



Morellato Father's Day gift ideas

MAKE THIS FATHER'S DAY A MEMORABLE ONE BY SELECTING THE GIFT THAT WILL put a smile on your dad's face and help him craft his own sense of style.

Read on as Italy's favorite brand, Morellato presents some great gift ideas your dad will surely love.



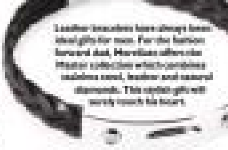
Is your dad a hip and smart dresser? If so, get him this stainless steel bracelet from Morellato. It has a .01 karat natural diamond that will give your dad's smart-casual look a boost without emptying your pocket. It's fashionable, affordable and is truly a handsome addition to your dad's wardrobe.



If your dad is still wearing that old watch, it's probably time to replace it with a brand new one. The Moro Watch is the latest model from Morellato. With its leather strap, stainless steel case and natural diamond on the crown, the Morellato Moro Watch is sure to be worn by your dad everyday.



This Morellato charm pendant is perfect for sports fans like your dad. It has an 01 sports car engraving and an 18karat gold tube that adds glamour to the pendant. This thoughtful gift of yours will surely be appreciated by your sporty dad.



Leather bracelets have always been ideal gifts for men. For the fashion forward dad, Morellato offers the Master collection which combines stainless steel, leather and natural diamonds. This stylish gift will surely touch his heart.

Morellato is available at Morellato Kiosk Podium, My Diamond Gateway, My Diamond Glorietta, My Diamond Mall of Asia, My Diamond Shangri-La, My Temper My Diamond Robinson's Place Manila, My Temper SM North Edsa, and Italia Jewelry Shangri-La.

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The Madz in concert

Remembering the ideology that gave Hollywood a scare



BOGART: Fought against move to curtail artistic freedom.

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Movies about fathers

By Lila Bodongan-Alvarez

WONDERING WHAT MOVIES to watch on Father's Day? Our suggestions: [illegible]



PECK. Played a lawyer fighting racism in "To Kill A Mockingbird."



CRYSTAL AND WILLIAMS. Portrayed a young boy's probable dads in "Father's Day."



MARTIN (WITH DIANNE KEATON). Tackled the comedic hit, "Father of the Bride," and its sequel.

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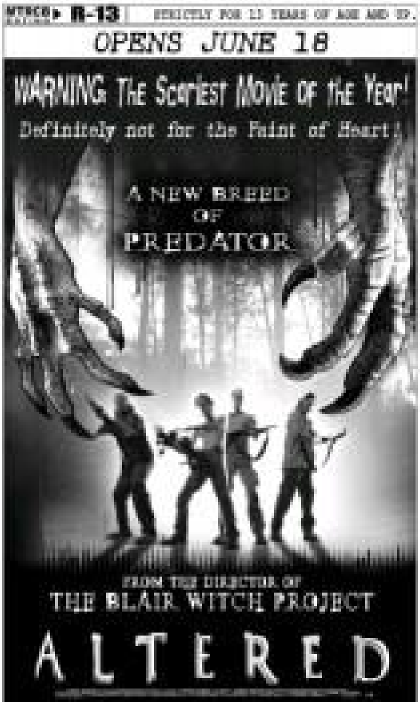
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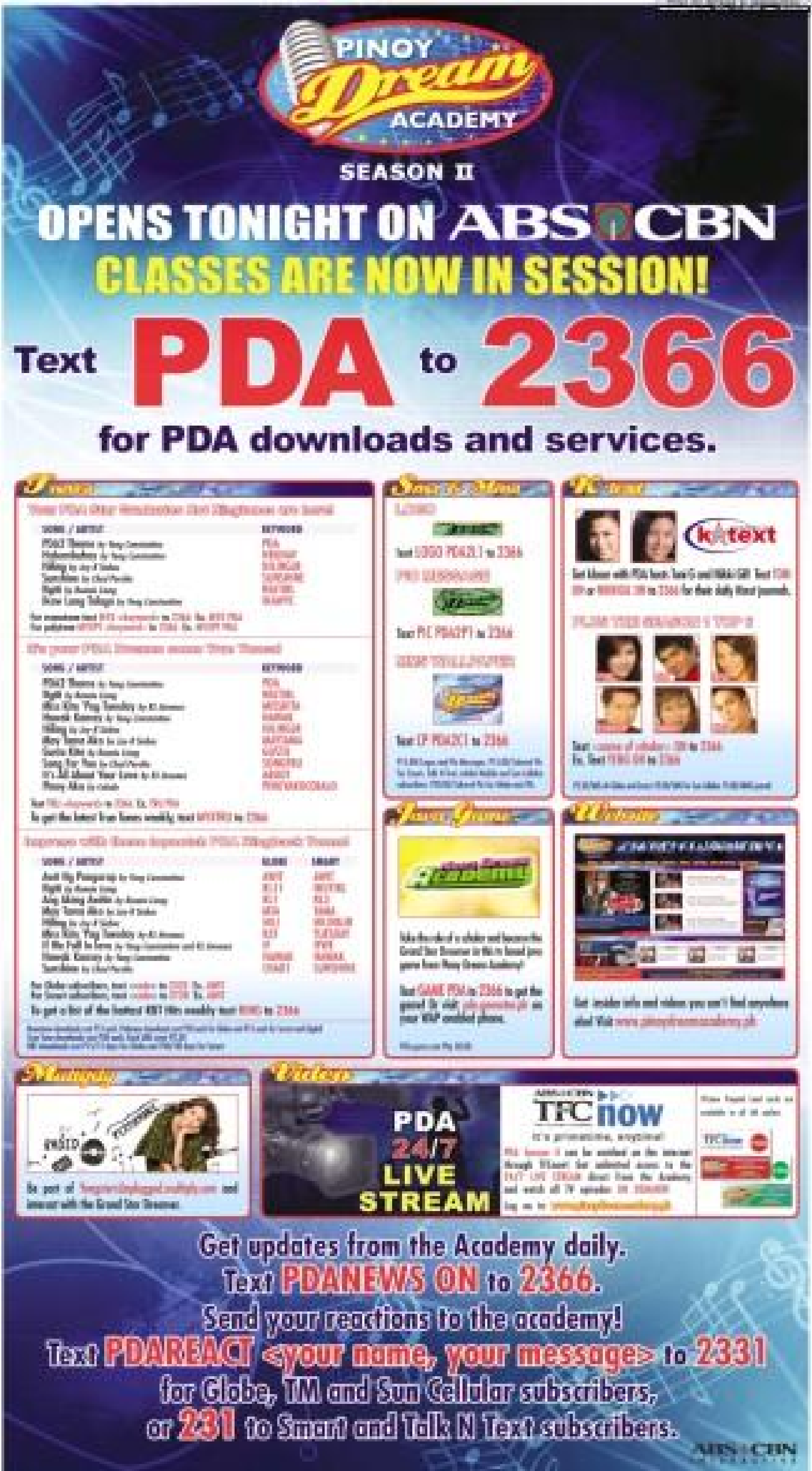
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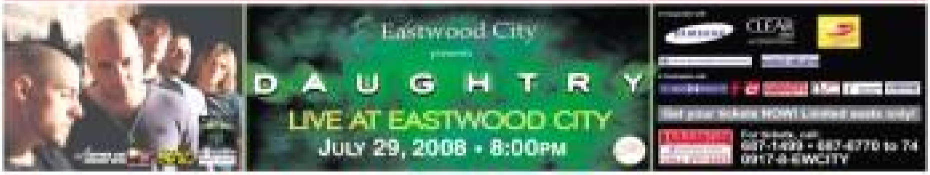




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SATURDAY Special



Hollywood offers broad range in summer film lineup


CUSACK: Plays an assassin in the satire, "War, Inc."

ALONG WITH THE MAJOR blockbusters, Hollywood offers loads of other films this summer. A look at the highlights:

"The Fall" tells the story of a bedridden man in early Hollywood who spins wild fantasies to encourage a young girl in the same hospital.

"How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer" stars America Ferrera in a comedy about three generations of Mexican-American women.

"Meet Bill" is about a lingerie saleswoman (Jessica Alba) who helps turn life around for a loser (Aaron Eckhart).

Vigilante

In "Noise," Tim Robbins stars as a man who turns vigilante to combat Manhattan's criminals.

In "Redbelt," David Mamet directs Chiwetel Ejiofor as a man of honor in a corrupt world of mixed martial arts fighting.

"Son of Rambow" is a British charmer that follows two wildly different boys who team up to make their own "Rambo" action flick.

"The Strangers" isolates a couple (Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman) who face terror as masked intruders invade their home.

In "War, Inc.," a hit man (John Cusack) poses as a corporate flunky to pull off an assassination in a war-torn country. The dark satire costars Hilary Duff.

Adaptation

"Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" features Abigail Breslin as a plucky Depression-era girl in an adaptation of the popular book series.

In "The Love Guru," Mike Myers is a self-help swami trying to patch things up between a hockey star and his wife. Cast includes Jessica Alba and Justin Timberlake.

"The Promotion" has John C. Reilly and Seann William Scott as supermarket workers dueling it out for a management job.

"Wanted" features Angelina Jolie as an operative for a secret agency who helps train a dormant prodigy (James McAvoy) to use his super abilities.

"American Teen" is the "Breakfast Club" in real life—a teen documentary

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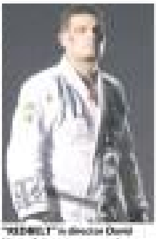




Hollywood offers broad range in summer film

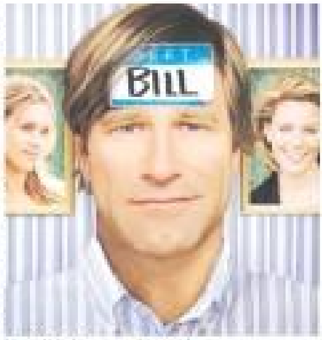
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God and religion



"REDBELT" is director David Mamet's latest screen outing.

Immigrant drama



ECKHART: Top bills rom-com, "Meet Bill."



BRESLIN: Plays Kit Kittredge in big-screen adaptation of popular book series.

Rival gang

YouTube is the new TV

By Mons Sabalones Gonzalez

Lead singer

Videos

Running wild

Po is a roly-poly, furry charmer

By Nestor Torre



"KUNG FU PANDA." Playful, perfectly paced visual feast.

Noodle shop

Rambunctious

The PR whiz as doting family man



STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero



CAMPOS (WITH WIFE, DETTE): Communication is key.

Lectures

'Oprah' on Hallmark

Father's Day treats

lineup

"The Rocker" Jeremy ... Rainn Wilson and Christina Applegate ...

"Star Wars: The Clone Wars" is George Lucas' animated adventure ...

In "Swing Vote," ...

Sexual awakening

... "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" is Woody Allen's latest movie ... Scarlett Johansson, Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem ...

And, "Wild Child" ... British boarding school. AP







TRACY AND HEPBURN: On and offscreen partnership.

Immortal love teams recalled

By Bella Cervantes

Popular

Rapport

Film about love and food debuts at Cinemalaya



By Rica Arevalo

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Triumphs





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Nickelodeon's 'Let's Just Play 2008' on June 28

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'Prince Caspian' rules

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On Animal Planet

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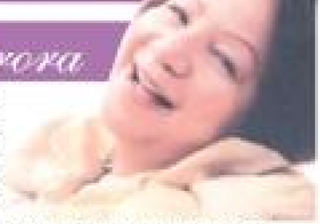
Francis M meets Wyclef Jean

Movies on TV



NALLOS: Releases latest album, "Dahil Mahal Kita."

Tale of two tributes



COBARRUBIAS: Feted by her loving students at Manila Hotel.

By Nestor U. Torre

THIS PAST WEEK has been particularly exhilarating for us because it's given us the opportunity to participate in separate tributes for two good friends who fully deserved the signal honors.

It's great to see friends you've known to be outstanding people for years finally get the special recognition that by rights should have come a long time ago.

Posh venue

Theater producer Aurora Cobarrubias was recently honored on her 65th birthday with a big bash at The Manila Hotel's Maynila. Now, many wealthy people have marked their birthdays at the posh venue and Au is similarly well-heeled—but, what made her celebration so special and different was the fact that she and her family didn't foot the bill for it.

That's right, Au was feted, not by hubby Chito and their loving children, but by her appreciative and obviously loving students.

You see, aside from being a theater producer, Au has been a Life Coach for more than a decade, helping literally hundreds of bright, promising students realize their full potential—and Au was obviously such a great teacher that her grateful graduates pooled their now ample resources to treat her—big time—on her 65th birthday.

Their love for 'teacher Au' was vividly evident in the entertainment they whipped up that evening—which included a [illegible] display, no less!

Another highlight was loving husband Chito's simple but felt rendition of "You're the Best thing That Ever Happened to Me," with teary Au at [illegible] and beaming beside him.

Gratitude and devotion

Indeed, some of Au's long-time friends confessed they envied her for that exceptionally ardent musical display of husbandly gratitude and devotion. They were all there—Lollie Mara, Boho Cervantes, Mitch Valdes, Tommy Abuel, [illegible]—etc.!

For her part, our similarly good friend (of more recent vintage), Elvira Go, was feted last June 6 at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila, by the International Organization of Folk Art Philippines Foundation.

Among her many other accomplishments, Elvira was honored for producing the 2008 New York Festivals World Gold Medallist winner (as Most Innovative MTV), "Power in Unity," a tribute to the unifying effect of the Bible, dramatized through the creative use of Philippine folk and ethnic arts. The MTV also won as Best Music Video at the 2007 Catholic Mass Media Awards.



GO: Honored at the Peninsula Manila for her many accomplishments.

The tribute began with a concelebrated Mass that caused a stir among the people in the ballroom, because there were more than 10 bishops in attendance! That's how appreciated and loved Elvira is by church officials, due to her many religious involvements—including the National Catholic Family Bible Quiz and her weekly NBN-4 show, "Power in Unity."

Leadership

As the evening's program proceeded, it turned out that many other groups were grateful to Elvira for her leadership and support, not the least of which are Sarah TV and the Folk Arts Philippines group, which Elvira chairs.

Testimonials and other expressions of gratitude came one after another, making the people in attendance realize to a much greater extent the amazing breadth and depth of public and spiritual service, Elvira-style.

We join Elvira's friends like [illegible], Edith and [illegible] del Rosario, [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] in wishing her more blessed years of giving and service. She is truly the power that unites!

Brits in Hollywood: We're here to stay!



BECKHAM: The UK's major contribution to sports.

THEY'RE THE BRAINS BEHIND some of the most successful US television shows and movies. In fact, Britons have a finger in almost every slice of the American media pie... sports (David Beckham), business (Virgin Group) and fashion (Jimmy Choo shoes).

Success

Now, they are celebrating their success with a "BritWeek" in Los Angeles, showcasing British influence in Hollywood and in the development of Los Angeles for more than 50 years.

"We are not going around saying we're better than you—we're just complementing your work. Although we love being here, I think they love us being here, too," declared BritWeek organizer, Nigel Lythgoe.

Lythgoe, president of 19 Television, which is responsible for "American Idol," said, "From Charlie Chaplin and Stan Laurel to Simon Cowell and David Beckham, the Brits have firmly stamped their footprints in Hollywood—and we are here to stay!"

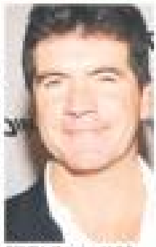
A British comedy festival, a UK film retrospective, and a celebrity soccer match hosted by Beckham's Los Angeles Galaxy soccer team are among the events for the festivities of BritWeek.

Posh accents, bad teeth jokes, and the love-hate relationship aside, Britain is by far the largest foreign investor in Southern California. Oil companies BP Plc and Royal Dutch Shell, banks HSBC Holdings and Royal Bank of Scotland Group, telecoms giant BT Group, and supermarket group Tesco are also present in the region.

Early settlers

There's no official estimate of the number of Britons living in Los Angeles and Southern California, but organizers said the numbers could be as high as 300,000. Early settlers include William Mulholland, the engineer who brought water to Los Angeles at the turn of the 20th century and Colonel Griffith J. Griffith, who left the city a vast public park.

But, it's on TV that Britons have enjoyed the biggest influence in the last 10 years. Producers like London-born Mark Burnett, the creative force behind "Survivor" and "The Apprentice," and other Britons have revolutionized the reality-TV genre in the United States, with shows ranging from "Dancing with the Stars" and "Supernanny" to "American Idol" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" — *Reuters*



COWELL: "American Idol's" acerbic judge is a proud English export.



BEST drawing of "Avatar" characters wins trip to Australia.

Nescafé Soundskool gives new bands a big boost

NESCAFÉ SOUNDSKOOL, the country's biggest, most successful college band competition, has boosted new bands by discovering fresh talents nationwide. It not only gives them exposure and promotion when they need them most, but also offers workshops with major bands to improve the new musicians' skills and widen their perspectives when it comes to performance, long-range career prospects, etc.

The band hit began in 2003 and has since embraced the local music and live performance scenes with its very promising discoveries. Sinosikat, Sound, [illegible] has paved the way for its first winner, Hilera, which has become popular along with [illegible].

Auditions for the 2008 Nescafé Soundskool will run from June 15 to September. The search is open to all unsigned bands with three to five members who are currently enrolled in a university or college. For other details, log on to www.nescafe.com.ph.

Avatar Draw-to-Win contest

Show where you like most among Aang, Katara, Zuko and Sokka, then send Nickelodeon the best drawing of your favorite "Avatar" characters—and you could win a family trip for four to the Gold Coast, Australia via [illegible]!

While there, enjoy exciting rides at Nickelodeon Central at Dreamworld, have fun at the Nickelodeon [illegible]

MONTAGE

NESCAFÉ C2



COFFEE brand's college band competition has discovered fresh talents nationwide.

SATURDAY Special

Let's hear it for Billy Crawford, world-class performer

By Nestor U. Torre

LAST SUNDAY, ABS-CBN'S NOONTIME SHOW, "ASAP," WAS BROUGHT TO another, much higher level when Billy Crawford performed a long song-and-dance number with Sarah Geronimo, who had to work hard to keep up with him.



CRAWFORD: Vitality and versatility—plus!

The number was so challenging that Billy was completely winded after it. His utter exhaustion was perfectly understandable, because he had given the four-minute number everything he had—which was a lot.

His years of experience performing with name acts abroad clearly showed in Billy's world-class performance. Here at home, performers tend to do their numbers with muted energy and involvement, while international singing stars "sell" their songs with great, unrelenting vitality and love for them as dance.

The relative excellence of Billy's number wasn't lost on the other performers in last Sunday's show, who looked like pale, phlegmatic and lazy chorus boys and girls in comparison to young Crawford's truly stellar performance.

That's why we welcome Billy's decision to focus on his local performing career for a change this season. With him around, our relatively hesitant, shallow or downright lazy singer-dancers could be motivated or embarrassed into redoubling their efforts and working really hard, for a change.

Regular portion

Every Sunday from here on in, Billy will have his own regular portion on "ASAP." Titled "The B Show," it will showcase the young star's vitality and versatility as a performer.

In addition, he will host the "Pinoy Dream Academy" talent search, which will be launched within the month. We trust that he will be equally dynamic as a program host and will thus get to

LET'S B









Let's hear it for Billy. . .

[illegible] the clearly [illegible] who have proliferated on the local TV scenes of late.

Billy's exceptional showing on "ASAP" goes a long way to explain why he became a young singing star in Europe for some years. He obviously worked hard and [illegible] as much as he could to [illegible] the [illegible] competition on the international performing scene. [illegible]

True, Billy's international career may have slowed down to some extent, [illegible] his decision to be more visible here [illegible] change—but, that's not necessarily a bad thing, because we're now be[illegible] from his renewed presence in our midst.

"World-class" is fine, but when it's put to good use for the local entertainment audience's enjoyment and enhancement, it becomes even more [illegible] and inspiring!



CRAWFORD: His exceptional showing on "ASAP" explains why he became a singing star in Europe.

Benefits of brown rice

IN THIS PERIOD OF RICE shortages, it's a [illegible] to spend more money on well-polished rice even if it's less nutritious and healthy than its cheaper variety. A Japanese saying goes, "Eating grains without their [illegible] causes people to become poor [illegible] and [illegible] against diseases and [illegible]."

Indeed, [illegible] to polish rice and get rid of the nourishing parts of the grains. In the book, "Healing with Whole Foods," author Paul Pitchford [illegible] these valuable [illegible]:

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. [illegible]

1. [illegible] contains Vitamin E, which lowers [illegible] bad cholesterol and provides [illegible] protection.

2. [illegible], an antioxidant found only in rice bran, strengthens the [illegible] of the body while [illegible] body mass. It improves blood circulation [illegible], overcomes [illegible] and blood [illegible], and improves hormonal balance by regulating pituitary secretions.

Aging process

3. Alpha-lipoic acid, another antioxidant, promotes liver protection, slows the aging process and converts glucose to energy.

4. Glutathione peroxidase is an antioxidant enzyme that reduces [illegible], boosts respiratory function, and helps detoxify the body. Known to counteract the effects of aging, it's also used in the treatment of alcoholic cirrhosis, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, acne and [illegible].

5. Superoxide dismutase, an antioxidant enzyme, treats [illegible], arthritis and many symptoms of premature aging.

6. Proanthocyanidins facilitate wound healing, strengthen arteries, veins and capillaries, and improve blood circulation.

7. IP6 (inositol hexaphosphate) is beneficial in cancer therapy. It's also used in the treatment of cardiovascular disease, kidney stones, and may be useful against immune-system disorders like AIDS.

There are other vitamins, minerals and antioxidants that are "thrown away" during the milling process. So, it's really wiser to eat brown rice!

Management and Penance, outpour of tears and other boob-tube booboos



AT THE CINEMAS

AT THE MALLS



SNEAK PREVIEW

Dempsey, Monaghan trade amusing romantic zingers in 'Made of Honor'

By Rito P. Asilo

PATRICK DEMPSEY portrays another dreamy Prince Charming in Paul Weiland's formulaic "Made of Honor," in which he plays Thomas Bailey, a narcissistic, commitment-phobic playboy who lives the high life in New York City, living off the fortune he's made from his paper cup-sleeve invention.

[illegible]

Consequence

[illegible]

Perfect match

[illegible]

Ashanti makes comeback after four-year hiatus

NEW YORK—ASHANTI was one of music's hottest stars, with two multiplatinum albums and a Grammy under her belt, until her third disc, 2004's "Concrete Rose," [illegible]

Under investigation

[illegible]

Fan base

[illegible]



ASHANTI. [illegible] "The Declaration."



SATURDAY Special


SANCHEZ, DESCHANEL AND WAHLBERG.

NOW SHOWING

M. Night Shyamalan back to top form in tense, taut thriller

"The Happening"


MARK Wahlberg plays a science teacher in "The Happening."

Stirring docu chronicles OFWs' horror stories

Painful experiences

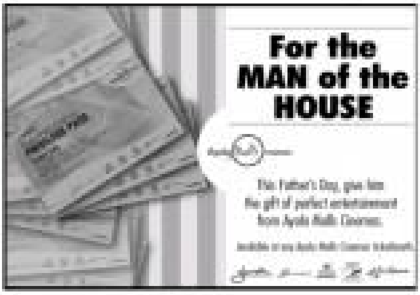
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Perspective

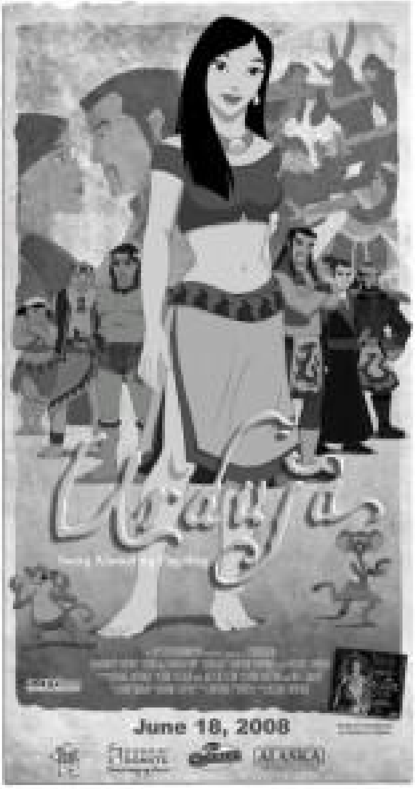
Soul revival

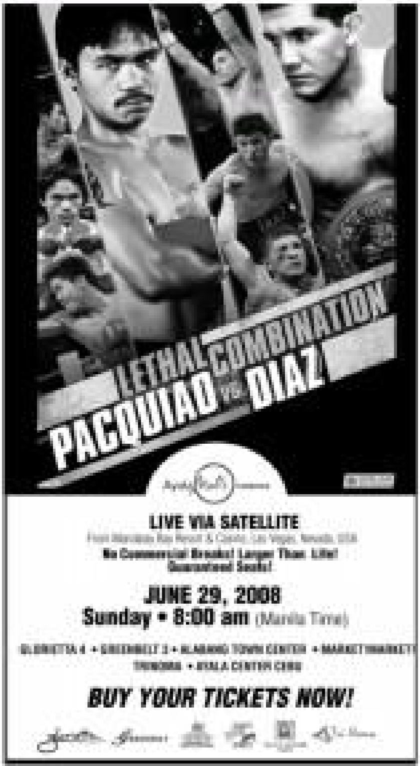












Spotlight Artists Centre holds first Integrated Acting, Scriptwriting and Directing workshop



ALVAREZ, SENA AND JIMENEZ: Acclaimed professionals set to develop the Philippines' talent pool in unique and dynamic ways.

Alicia Keys' troubled time leads to big success



KEYS: Her latest album, "As I Am," debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart.



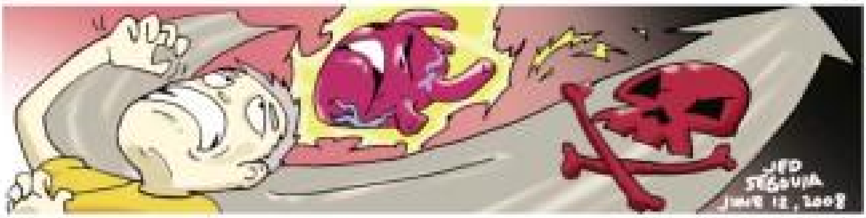
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